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For neglecting to report a case of bubonic plague at 15 Circular, Faiyuan, on the 17th instant, Chu Ting was yesterday fined \$10.

The C. P. R. steamer Empress of India arrived Shanghai at 9 a.m. on Sunday, the 17th instant, and left again at 4 p.m. of same day for Hongkong, where it is due to arrive at 6 a.m. to-morrow, the 18th instant.

The China Mutual Steam Navigation Company have contracted with Messrs. D. and W. Henderson and Co., Partick, for the construction of two steamers, each of great cargo-carrying capacity.

At the Magistrate yesterday the hearing of case against the second and third mates of the *Imperial*, who were charged with assaulting Aven Kwei, a young seaman on the same vessel was resumed. Each of the defendants was fined \$20.

In order to further strengthen the German position in the Far East, it is proposed by the Government in Berlin to spend a sum of about 100 million marks in equipping the Imperial Kaiser-Wilhelm-Land in New Guinea, for stores, ammunition, and so on to be constructed, and hardware works are to be undertaken, so that ample shelter may be provided for a very much bigger squadron than has hitherto been kept in these waters.

The Russian Minister of Communications has expressed his desire to consist of one first and two second-class steamers, with a total tonnage of 10,000, and a saloon carriage with a library and six large saloons, to run from St. Petersburg, to Moscow and Birobik, to the mouth of the Siberian Railway. In the course, therefore, of even or eight weeks the first through-expedition will start from the Moscow station at St. Petersburg on its journey of six days to the mouth of the Amur, and thence to the port of Great Siberian (Irkutsk). The voyage is to be made up every fourteen days. As on the line between Warsaw and Vienna it will be possible to order dinner by telegram, and the meal will be served in the carriages, if so desired, the accommodation will at first be of necessity somewhat limited, no free passes of any kind are to be granted.

Captain R. A. J. Montague, who has just commenced the *Empress of India* for service on the China Station, has a son, a young man, the reputation of being an officer distinguished above his fellows. He has certainly been fortunate in his opportunities, but he has made the most of them. When serving in the *Imperial*, he became a midshipman, he joined the *Admiral*, and then the *Queen*, and was promoted to the rank of midshipman in the Royal Yacht, which also gave him a good education. As a midshipman he served in the Royal Navy, both abroad and at home, particularly mentioned in despatches by Lord Wolseley. As a commander he commanded the field battery at Wun, in October, 1890, under Sir Edward Fremantle, in the *Boadicea*. He recently commanded the *Ministry*, ship of the line, and was promoted to the rank of captain. The *Ministry* is a ship of 10,000 tons, and was made a C.B. at the unusually early age of thirty-seven. In addition to all this he is generally reported to be one of the most active and keenest sportsmen in the Navy.

A seven-pounder competition in connection with the Field Battery of the Hongkong Volunteer Corps took place at Repulse Bay on Saturday. The battle pieces were used to repel the enemy to be repelled being represented as having landed on the opposite shore. Four targets placed in column represented the enemy coming down the hillside, and making for the position occupied by the battery, and targets placed in line in the opposite direction were the enemy in the opposite direction.

The competition was won by the Chinese gunners.

M. Leon Daudet has published a sort of memoirs of his father. He supplies very few tangible facts, but indulges very extensively in elegies upon the deceased romance. The father was the guide, philosopher, and friend of his son. Their affection was very deep and simply sincere. Alphonse Daudet believed that in clinging to a new residence one prepared in a way his exit from life. Daudet had the habit of writing his thoughts and feelings with an ink pen, in which he jotted all that he enumerated during the day, with ideas suggested, and conclusions to be drawn. These were the pallium for his works, and his wife and son intend to publish these notes books, if given integrally they would be curious. The son, though directed by the will of his father to follow the path of Victor Hugo, will be compelled to live with his father, and the latter's study was his own. Alphonse Daudet claimed to recognise those who were deriving him by the twitching of a small muscle in the angle of the lips and the ambiguity of the eyes. But he allowed the regency to pass unnoticed all the same. It was only when visited his son, the author of "Le Roi et l'Amour," that he recognises all his boyish errors of spirit. Alphonse Daudet, during the days of Paris was Lieutenant in the National Guard. This has always made him a favorite for the army that he loved despite all his faults. That was why, when Zola disgraced over the Dreyfus case, Zola made more enemies by his silence than by his action.

Opinion is pleased that the coming of China, which has been of late going on will not end in war. The Celestial Empire is vast enough to identify all the voracious of the Westerns. The open and free port theory of Britain for running the Chinese realm has not caught on; she could not take in hand, as a new task, the administration of a country so large and so varied in population. Nor could she resist the grabbing of the three European Powers installed from squeezing the Celestial Government into further leases. England then to simply look after mutual guarantees for herself, while flying the fire and torch doctrine, as say France, Spain, Liberia, Egypt, and the like. The Chinese are not so easily taken in. All that can be obtained also depends on what is going to war. Armed and strong, England can sleep in peace.

No importance is attached to the discussion upon the Iam Dam hills, which France will in the end have to adopt. There is nothing explosive in their constitution, only they make more powerful fortifications, and are not to be taken into account. The Iam Dam hills are not the property of the body of an independent individual, as is a popular belief.

The country of West Africa is the same.

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then light wind and moderate swell from N.E. to N.W. the wind from there light N.E. wind and light N.E. swell and fine clear weather. Passed German steamer "Ceres" entering Singapo Straits. April 10th passed a Blue Funnel steamer, bound south. Was in company with a red funnel steamer, of Cape Paduan, but lost her during the night.

PASSENGERS BOOKED FOR THE EAST.

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